

PRESS RELEASE

Judge Michael Mullins was appointed to the Iowa Court of Appeals June 9, 2011. Judge Mullins served as a judge of the Eighth Judicial District, Sub-District 8A, which includes Appanoose, Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Monroe, Poweshiek, Van Buren, Wapello and Washington Counties. He was appointed to the bench in 2002.

The District 8A Judicial Nominating Commission, comprised of five lawyers and five non-lawyer citizens and the senior judge in the District who acts as Chairman, will be interviewing candidates to replace Judge Mullins.

The following are the commission members:

**Judge Daniel Wilson – Chairman
Kate Brock – Albia
Laurie Schooley – Bloomfield
Justine Heffron – Centerville
David Wilson – Sigourney
Darvin Dykes – Bloomfield
Attorney Michelle Hoyt Swanstrom – Ottumwa
Attorney Katie Lujan – Washington
Attorney Paul Zingg – Ottumwa
Attorney Cynthia Hucks – Ottumwa
Attorney Michael Moreland - Ottumwa**

The Judicial Nominating Commission has established procedures for filling the position of district court judge in Judicial District 8A and the Supreme Court of Iowa has adopted an application to be completed by each person who wishes to apply for nomination to be a District Court Judge. Copies of the application can be obtained from the District Court Administrator's office for the Eighth Judicial District, 211 East Fourth Street, P.O. Box 1319, Ottumwa, IA 52501, by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov, or by calling 1-641-684-6502, ext 110.

All applications must be received by the Court Administrator's office no later than 4:30PM, Monday, July 18, 2011. *No late applications will be accepted.* The names of the applicants will be made available to the public AFTER the deadline for filing applications.

Applicants must be members of the Iowa Bar, a resident of the sub-district of the court to which they are nominated, and shall be of such age that they will be able to serve an initial and one regular term of office before reaching the age of seventy-two years.

All applications will be considered; however, if there are more applicants than can be effectively interviewed, the commission may elect to screen the applicants and interview less than all. The selected applicants will be given an opportunity to appear before the entire Judicial Nominating Commission for a personal interview. The applicants' submissions and materials shall be open to the public. Applicant interviews shall also be open. The public will be allowed to observe and listen but not interact.

The Commission will submit the names of two nominees to Governor Branstad who will then appoint one to fill the vacancy.

**Judge Daniel Wilson
Chairman, 8A Nominating Commission**